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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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Honorable Ted Stevens, Chairman
Subcommittee on Defense
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you very much for bringing to my attention recent problems in Community procedures for providing you and cleared members of your staff with sensitive intelligence information. I share your serious concern that classified documents must be strictly controlled. I agree that delivery to uncleared personnel is unacceptable and must not be allowed to occur.

I have looked into the incidents you mentioned in your letter of 18 June, and have issued instructions to the Community that should ensure that there is no recurrence of these unfortunate misdeliveries.

I have been told that our staffs are working together very closely to provide proper protection for classified material needed by the Congress. For example, I understand that there is a proposal under active consideration that would provide a vault-type room in your Subcommittee's suite of offices for secure storage of sensitive compartmented intelligence and for a secure telephone. These improvements would contribute significantly to the security and efficiency of our day-to-day staff contacts. I urge your favorable consideration of such measures.

I appreciate your interest in security matters, and I compliment your staff on their vigilance. Please call on me if I can be of further help.

Sincerely,

William J. Casey

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